

contact with the cover away from the bank card terminal and onto ~~when placed on~~ the independent non-integral support surface not apart of the bank card terminal; said sidewalls

- i. extending sufficiently to contact the non-integral support surface not part of the bank card terminal to elevate the top of the terminal cover above and about the bank card terminal to direct the force from blows to the terminal cover and sidewalls onto the non-integral support surface not part of the bank card terminal, while protecting the bank card terminal from contact with liquids, dust, grease, and falling objects, and
- ii. having at least one opening through which a terminal cord may be inserted and connected to the bank card terminal and structured such that the bank card terminal cover may be removed and/or positioned in place without disconnecting the terminal cord.

10. (previously added) A bank card terminal cover according to Claim 9, wherein the top is hingedly mounted to the top of the bank card terminal to open in a first mode to provide access to a bank card terminal key pad and card reading slot, and to close in a second mode about the bank card terminal to prevent dust, grime, liquids, and other matter from interfering with the bank card terminal key pad and card reading slot.

11. (previously added) A bank card terminal cover according to Claim 9, including a handle on the top exterior to aid in removal of the top to access the key pad and card slot of said bank card terminal.

12. (previously added) A bank card terminal cover according to Claim 9, wherein the top is transparent.

13. (previously added) A bank card terminal cover according to Claim 9, including a shock absorbing seal affixed to the open bottom of the cover side walls to allow the cover to removably seal to the non-integral support surface.

Cancel Claims 14 and 15.

Amend Claim 16 to read as follows:

16. (thrice amended) A bank card terminal cover for protecting and encasing bank card terminals adapted to be placed on a vertical non-integral separate support surfaces and having exterior exposed card reading slots and keyboards pervious to liquids, grease, and dust, and electrical connections, comprising:

- a. a transparent rigid, crush resistant, liquid, dust, and grease impervious top with
- b. a plurality of rigid, crush resistant, liquid, dust and grease impervious sidewalls which define an open bottomed interior chamber sized to fit about and not contact the bank card terminal container and sidewalls such that the cover sidewalls are supported by the non-integral separate support surface to direct contact forces, liquids, dust and grease coming into contact with the cover away from the bank card terminal and onto when placed on an independent non-integral support surface not part of the bank card terminal; said sidewalls
 - i. extending sufficiently to contact the non-integral support surface not part of the terminal cover to elevate the top of the terminal cover above and about the bank card terminal to direct the force from blows to the cover and sidewalls onto the non-integral support surface not part of the bank card terminal, while protecting the bank card terminal from contact with liquids, dust, grease, and falling objects, and
 - ii. having at least one opening through which a terminal cord may be inserted and connected to the bank card terminal and structured such that the cover may be removed and/or positioned in place without disconnecting the terminal cord,
- c. opening structure associated with the top of the bank card terminal and terminal cover to provide access to the bank card terminal keyboard and card reading slot in a first mode, and to close about and secure the bank card terminal in a second mode, and a shock absorbing seal affixed to the edges of the cover sidewalls to seal with the vertical non-integral support surface not part of the bank card terminal.

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